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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
5 of the Community-Technical Colleges shall fix fees for tuition at the
6 regional community-technical colleges and shall fix fees for such other
7 purposes as the board deems necessary at the regional community-
8 technical colleges, and may make refunds to the same.

9 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges
10 shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the Regional
11 Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. Appropriations from
12 general revenues of the state and, upon request by the board and with
13 an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
14 and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits

15 and workers' compensation applicable to the community-technical
16 colleges pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred
17 from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the regional
18 community-technical colleges in accordance with the provisions of
19 subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income
20 from student fees or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities
21 and business enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants
22 for purposes other than research, and all receipts derived from the
23 conduct by the colleges of their education extension programs and
24 summer school sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be
25 allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts
26 which shall be established and maintained for the central office and
27 each community-technical college. If the Secretary of the Office of
28 Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may
29 require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be
30 used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said
31 fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior
32 to such request by the board of trustees. The board shall establish an
33 equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues
34 of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the Comptroller and
35 tuition revenue deposited in the Regional Community-Technical
36 Colleges Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal
37 year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said
38 policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating
39 accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations
40 and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or
41 remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be
42 charged to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating
43 Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by
44 operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require
45 the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly
46 is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of
47 receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such
48 sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the
49 General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on

50 general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of
51 community-technical colleges.

52 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than
53 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
54 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
55 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
56 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management,
57 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the
58 actual expenditures of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges
59 Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Board of
60 Governors of Higher Education may require.

61 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
62 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
63 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
64 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
65 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
66 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
67 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
68 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
69 for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection
70 (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a combat or combat
71 support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December
72 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31,
73 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to
74 March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in
75 time of war" shall not include time spent in training or in attendance at
76 a military service academy, who has been accepted for admission to
77 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
78 is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
79 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the
80 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
81 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers
82 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person
83 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after

84 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the
85 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law
86 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a
87 regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in
88 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
89 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
90 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
91 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
92 such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
93 degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police
94 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
95 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
96 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
97 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for
98 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
99 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for
100 any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
101 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
102 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state
103 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
104 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
105 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
106 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
107 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
108 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
109 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
110 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
111 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
112 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
113 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
114 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
115 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
116 year.

117 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has

118 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
119 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
120 waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional community-
121 technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)
122 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
123 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
124 denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment
125 of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

126 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
127 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
128 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a
129 regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that
130 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
131 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
132 to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of such
133 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
134 charged by such college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
135 tuition and fees charged by such college to such veteran.

136 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
137 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-
138 technical colleges for such veteran.

139 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional
140 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
141 that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established
142 under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds
143 shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for
144 educational expenses and student employment for residents enrolled
145 in regional community-technical colleges as full or part-time
146 matriculated students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a
147 precollege remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial
148 need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition
149 revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition
150 revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise

151 be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as
 152 determined by the college in accordance with this subsection. In
 153 determining such financial need, the college shall exclude the value of
 154 equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal
 155 guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not
 156 considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and
 157 shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per
 158 cent.

159 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
 160 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
 161 granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per cent of
 162 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of
 163 trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
 164 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
 165 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
 166 apply.

167 (h) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member
 168 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
 169 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which
 170 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
 171 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding
 172 four years after the date of release from active duty without additional
 173 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
 174 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that
 175 was not completed.

176 Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
 177 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 178 *October 1, 2010*):

179 (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees
 180 of the Connecticut State University System shall fix fees for tuition and
 181 shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at
 182 the university, and may make refunds of the same.

183 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
184 System shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the
185 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Appropriations
186 from general revenues of the state and upon request by the
187 Connecticut State University System and with the annual review and
188 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
189 amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to
190 subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the State
191 Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut State
192 University System in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)
193 of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student
194 fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business
195 enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants, subject to
196 the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all receipts
197 derived from the conduct by a state university of its education
198 extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to
199 said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional
200 operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the
201 central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations,
202 federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to
203 separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating
204 accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
205 disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the
206 appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services
207 and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer
208 shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the
209 university. The board of trustees shall establish an equitable policy for
210 allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe
211 benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue
212 deposited in the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund.
213 At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall
214 allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for
215 expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of
216 amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves
217 for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition

218 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be charged to the
219 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Repairs,
220 alterations or additions to facilities supported by the Connecticut State
221 University System Operating Fund and costing one million dollars or
222 more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the
223 General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory
224 Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
225 in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a
226 debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the
227 Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state
228 issued for purposes of the Connecticut State University System.

229 (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter not later than
230 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
231 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
232 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
233 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management,
234 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the
235 actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System
236 Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Board of
237 Governors of Higher Education may require.

238 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
239 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
240 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
241 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
242 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
243 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
244 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
245 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran
246 having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-
247 103, [or who served in either a combat or combat support role in the
248 invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983, the
249 invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the
250 peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to March 30,
251 1984] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of

252 war" shall not include time spent in training or in attendance at a
 253 military service academy, who has been accepted for admission to
 254 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
 255 is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
 256 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
 257 admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
 258 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
 259 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
 260 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
 261 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll
 262 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
 263 such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
 264 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
 265 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
 266 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
 267 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
 268 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
 269 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
 270 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
 271 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
 272 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
 273 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
 274 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
 275 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
 276 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
 277 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
 278 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
 279 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
 280 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
 281 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
 282 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
 283 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
 284 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person
 285 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
 286 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,

287 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
288 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
289 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
290 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
291 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
292 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
293 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
294 includes domicile for less than one year.

295 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
296 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
297 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
298 waive the payment of tuition at the Connecticut State University
299 System for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this
300 subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board that such
301 veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has been
302 denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment
303 of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

304 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
305 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
306 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
307 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
308 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
309 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
310 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
311 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
312 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
313 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
314 State University System to such veteran.

315 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
316 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University
317 System for such veteran.

318 (f) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an

319 amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition
320 policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
321 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition
322 remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment
323 for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or
324 part-time matriculated student in a degree-granting program, or
325 enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates
326 substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its
327 anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent
328 of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would
329 not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a
330 financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this
331 subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall
332 exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's
333 parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the
334 student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal
335 guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the
336 rate of thirty per cent.

337 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall
338 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted
339 under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of
340 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of
341 trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
342 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
343 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
344 apply.

345 (h) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member
346 of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll
347 in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which
348 was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
349 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding
350 four years after the date of release from active duty without additional
351 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
352 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that

353 was not completed.

354 Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
355 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
356 *October 1, 2010*):

357 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board
358 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition
359 and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary
360 at The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.

361 (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
362 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
363 Connecticut Operating Fund, and in addition, may establish a Special
364 External Gift Fund, and an endowment fund, as defined in section 10a-
365 109c, and such other funds as may be established pursuant to
366 subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d. Appropriations
367 from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the university
368 and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office
369 of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe
370 benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the university
371 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the
372 Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the university in
373 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income
374 from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities
375 and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants
376 for purposes other than research and all receipts derived from the
377 conduct by The University of Connecticut of its education extension
378 program and its summer school session, except funds received by The
379 University of Connecticut Health Center, shall be deposited in said
380 operating fund. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
381 Management disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of
382 the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal
383 services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State
384 Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request
385 by the university. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to

386 subsection (g) of this section, except the cost of waiving or remitting
387 tuition for students enrolled in the schools of medicine or dental
388 medicine, shall be charged to said fund. Repairs, alterations or
389 additions to facilities supported by said fund costing one million
390 dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or
391 when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory
392 Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
393 in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a
394 debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the
395 Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state
396 issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut.

397 (c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall
398 establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of
399 Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund. Appropriations from
400 general revenues of the state except the amount of the appropriation
401 for operating expenses to be used for personal services and the
402 appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section
403 4-73, all tuition revenue received by the health center in accordance
404 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income from
405 student fees or related charges, proceeds from auxiliary and business
406 enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes
407 other than research and other income relative to these activities shall
408 be deposited in said fund. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition
409 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section for students enrolled in the
410 schools of medicine or dental medicine shall be charged to said fund.
411 Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by said fund
412 costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the
413 General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of
414 the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above
415 expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be
416 required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for
417 further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation
418 bonds of the state issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut
419 Health Center.

420 (d) Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter not later than
 421 sixty days after the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall
 422 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 423 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 424 budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management,
 425 through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the
 426 actual expenditures of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund
 427 and The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund
 428 containing such relevant information as the Board of Governors of
 429 Higher Education may require.

430 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
 431 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
 432 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
 433 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
 434 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
 435 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
 436 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
 437 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
 438 for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection
 439 (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a combat or combat
 440 support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December
 441 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31,
 442 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to
 443 March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in
 444 time of war" shall not include time spent in training or in attendance at
 445 a military service academy, who has been accepted for admission to
 446 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is
 447 accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident of
 448 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
 449 admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
 450 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
 451 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
 452 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
 453 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll

454 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
 455 such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or
 456 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant
 457 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good
 458 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to
 459 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or
 460 graduate degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a
 461 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
 462 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
 463 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
 464 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
 465 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
 466 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
 467 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
 468 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
 469 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
 470 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
 471 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
 472 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
 473 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
 474 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
 475 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
 476 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
 477 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
 478 National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be
 479 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
 480 registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
 481 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
 482 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
 483 year.

484 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
 485 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
 486 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
 487 waive the payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such

488 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any
489 such veteran certifies to said board that such veteran's application for
490 such federal educational assistance has been denied or withdrawn,
491 said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in accordance
492 with subsection (d) of this section.

493 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
494 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
495 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
496 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
497 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)
498 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to
499 The University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an
500 amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The
501 University of Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
502 tuition and fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such
503 veteran.

504 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
505 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut
506 for such veteran.

507 (g) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an
508 amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition
509 policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
510 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition
511 remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment
512 for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student who is
513 enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
514 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
515 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set
516 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal
517 to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for
518 students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance
519 but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in
520 accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need,

521 the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal
 522 residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's
 523 principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent
 524 of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a
 525 dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

526 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
 527 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under
 528 subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of
 529 tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of
 530 trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation
 531 shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition
 532 rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
 533 apply.

534 (i) Said board shall grant remission or waiver of tuition for graduate
 535 assistants at the university. Assistantship payments to graduate
 536 assistants shall not be considered salaries and wages under the
 537 provisions of section 3-119, and shall be paid according to a schedule
 538 prescribed by the university and approved by the State Comptroller.

539 (j) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of
 540 the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in
 541 any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was
 542 not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment
 543 shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding
 544 four years after the date of release from active duty without additional
 545 tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been
 546 fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that
 547 was not completed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	10a-77
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	10a-99
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	10a-105

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